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1. WE NOTE FROM REFTEL THAT VOLODIN AND KOROLEV NOW
PREPARED TO STAY 14 DAYS, VICE 10 AS EARLIER PROPOSED--OR
VICE 21 AS STILL EARLIER PROPOSED.

2. WHILE NASA REMAINS FIRM ABOUT VIP GUIDED TOURS AT ITS
SPACE FACILITIES, IT HAS NO OBJECTION TO THE TWO ARTISTS
TAKING COMMERCIAL TOUR AVAILABLE AT CANAVERAL. A RELIABLE
SOURCE INFORMS US THAT THE TOUR IS INTERESTING AND WORTH-
WHILE. EMBASSY SHOULD INFORM VOLODIN AND KOROLEV THAT A
VISIT TO CANAVERAL CAN BE ARRANGED IF THEY WISH, BUT THAT
TIGHTNESS OF THEIR SCHEDULE WOULD PRECLUDE ANYTHING MORE
THAN A BRIEF GLIMPSE AT THE FACILITIES (I.E., THE COMMER-
CIAL TOUR).

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3. EMBASSY'S PROPOSED PROGRAM (REFTEL) SHOULD BE MODIFIED

TO REFLECT THE CANAVERAL DETOUR IF THE SOVIET ARTISTS WISH
TO MAKE SUCH A DETOUR. IF CANAVERAL IS INCLUDED, WE WOULD
SUGGEST DROPPING THE CODY/MINNEAPOLIS ALTERNATIVE. FYI,
THE DEPT AGREES THAT MINNEAPOLIS WOULD BE A MORE PRODUCTIVE

STOP THAN CANAVERAL; BECAUSE OF THE TITLE THE DELEGATION
WILL BE BEARING, HOWEVER, WE FEEL OBLIGED TO AT LEAST OFFER
CANAVERAL. ROBINSON

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